

REMARKS

Claims 1-8 and 12-26 are pending in this application. By this Amendment, claims 1-6 and 12 are amended, claims 18-26 are added and claims 9-11 are canceled. Further, claims 16 and 17 are withdrawn. No new matter is added by the above amendment. Support for the amendments can be found, for example, at paragraph [0009] of the specification. In view of at least the following, reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 1, 2, 6-8 and 13-15 are allowed, and that claims 9-12 contain allowable subject matter.

II. Claim Objections

The Office Action objects to claims 1-3 and 6 over informalities. In particular, the Office Action suggests changing the language of claims 1-3 from "one resistance" to "the one resistance" and changing the language of claim 6 from "terminal" to "terminals." These objections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1 and 2 recite in part "the one resistor ...", and claim 3 recites in part "the first resistor..." That is, claims 1-3 are amended as suggested by the Office Action. Claim 6 recites in part "digital terminals connected to..." That is, claim 6 is amended as suggested by the Office Action.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the objections is respectfully requested.

III. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112

The Office Action rejects claims 9-11 under 35 U.S.C § 112 as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter regarded as the invention. Although claim 12 is not expressly rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, page 7 of the Office Action states that claim 12 contains allowable subject matter "as best understood as documented within the § 112 rejections." However, page 4 of the Office Action does not

expressly reject claim 12. Nevertheless, based on the same reasoning as the rejection for claim 11 (i.e., because of its dependency on claims 9 and 10), Applicants presume the Office Action intended to reject claim 12. These rejections are respectfully traversed.

By this Amendment, claims 9-11 are canceled. Thus, the rejections as to claims 9-11 are moot. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

Claim 12 is amended to depend from allowable independent claim 1. As discussed below, despite claim 1 being amended, claim 1 remains allowable. Thus, claim 12 is allowable for the same reasons claim 1 is allowable, as well as the additional features it recites. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. Claim Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 102

The Office Action rejects claims 3-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 6,211,554 (Whitney). These rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 3-4 recite a plurality of emitting elements. That is, claims 3-5 recite in part, "a plurality of emitting elements formed in a display area, each of the plurality of emitting elements having a first electrode, a second electrode, and an emitting layer between the first electrode and the second electrode, and the first electrode being a common electrode of the plurality of emitting elements."

In contrast, Whitney fails to teach, disclose or suggest a plurality of emitting elements. Rather, Whitney is directed to the use of voltage variable materials for the protection of an integrated circuit against electrical overstress (EOS) transients. Thus, Whitney does not teach or disclose each and every feature of the presently claimed feature.

Further, independent claim 3 recites "a first resistor connected between the analog terminal and the common electrode line, and a second resistor connected between the digital terminal and the common electrode line, the first resistor having a resistance value greater than the second resistance." Indeed, independent claim 4 similarly recites in part "a first

resistor connected between the first terminal and the second terminal and a second resistor connected between the common electrode line and the first terminal." Dependent claim 5 further recites "the first resistor having a resistance value greater than the second resistor." That is, claims 3 and 5 disclose that the resistors between the terminals and common electrode line can have different resistance values.

In contrast, Whitney fails to disclose the use of a first resistor and a second resistor. Whitney fails to expressly disclose the use of two resistors. Rather, Whitney recites "the voltage variable material is in electrical contact, and preferably in direct contact with ... the conductive rails and the I/O pads." Further, the Office Action relies on the inherent I/O pads as teaching a second resistance. Thus, Whitney fails to teach the use of a first resistor and a second resistor.

Pursuant to at least the above discussion, Whitney fails to teach, suggest or disclose the features of independent claims 3 and 4.

Further, because the applied reference fails to teach the subject matter of independent claims 3 and 4, dependent claim 5 is patentable for at least the reasons that the independent claims are patentable, as well as for the additional features it recites.

Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejections is respectfully requested.

V. Additional Claims

The Office Action indicates that claims 1, 2, 6-8 and 13-15 are allowed. New claims 18-26 include the allowable subject matter of claims 1, 2, 6-8 and 13-15. In particular, claims 18 and 19 correspond to the allowable subject matter of claims 1 and 2.

Claims 21 and 22 depend from independent claim 19. Thus, because claim 19 contains the allowable subject matter of allowable claim 2, claims 21 and 22 are patentable for at least the reasons that claim 19 is patentable, as well as for the additional features they recite.

Further, claims 23-26 depend from independent claim 18. Claim 18 contains the allowable subject matter of claim 1. Thus, claims 23-26 are patentable for at least the reasons that claim 18 is patentable, as well as for the additional features they recite

With respect to claim 20, claim 20 is allowable for the same reasons that claim 6 is allowable, as well as the additional features they recite.

Therefore, claims 1-8 and 12-26 are allowable.

VI. Rejoinder

Upon allowance of at least claim 3 or 4, rejoinder of claim 16 and 17 is requested.

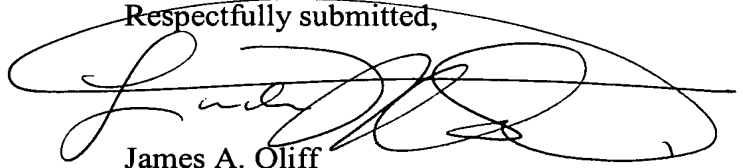
See MPEP 821.04.

VII. Conclusion

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the pending claim is earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

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